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LB 958, 1229
LR 11

Again, I think Senator Beck has outlined the bill in sufficient detail, and with that I would simply urge the advancement of LB 958. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall LB 958 be advanced to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 958.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 958 is advanced. Proceeding to LR 11CA.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 11CA was introduced by Senators Scofield, Smith, Schellpeper, Peterson. (Read title.) The resolution was originally introduced on January 18 of last year. Mr. President, at that time, it was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for hearing. The resolution was advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, would you care to open.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LR 11CA is essentially an outgrowth of an issue that has been before us before. You will recall that we dealt previously with LR 21CA, which was the debate on that started in 1987, and toward the end of that whole process, in 1938, we ran into some problems with an amendment and, subsequently, did not get anything passed to address this issue. Very simply what LR 11CA does is this is a constitutional amendment which, if it is adopted by the voters in November, would permit cities to appropriate money from local sources of revenue, at this point, sales tax, property tax, city lottery, city proprietary operations, and so on. If you look at the accompanying language in LB 1229, it tells you how this is going to be carried out. We sat on this bill last year in the Urban Affairs Committee with Senator Hartnett's cooperation and hard work, his staff has put together enabling legislation, which you can also refer to see how this is going to work. You can expect amendments I believe to come and further clarify what local sources of revenue are and I will leave that for Senator Hartnett to comment on when he gets to the bill. But the purpose of allowing this is to allow communities to fund economic or industrial development projects or proposals if they are approved by a vote of the residents of the city. It requires a simple majority of those voting at a special or